
A New Combination for *Thrasya robusta* in *Paspalum* (Poaceae, Paniceae)

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ABSTRACT. The new combination *Paspalum robustum* (Hitchcock & Chase) S. Denham replaces the illegitimate name *Paspalum calliferum* S. Denham, species from the Caribbean and northern South America.

RESUMEN. La nueva combinación *Paspalum robustum* (Hitchcock & Chase) S. Denham reemplaza al nombre ilegítimo *Paspalum calliferum* S. Denham, especie del Caribe y norte de Sud América.

Key words: Neotropics, Paniceae, *Paspalum*, Poaceae, subgenus *Harpostachys*.

The name *Paspalum robustum* Link ex Steudel (1841: 273) was placed by Steudel in synonymy of *P. elegans* Flüggé (1810) and therefore is an invalidly published name (cf. Articles 32.1 and 34.1, Greuter et al., 2000). Later, *P. calliferum* S. Denham (2005: 501) was erroneously published as a replacement name when *Thrasya robusta* Hitchcock & Chase was transferred to the genus *Paspalum* L. Thus, the name *Paspalum calliferum* is superfluous and illegitimate (cf. Art. 52.1, Greuter et al., 2000). The epithet *robustum* is available for use within *Paspalum*, and herein this oversight is emended.

Paspalum robustum (Hitchcock & Chase) S. Denham, comb. nov. Basionym: *Thrasya robusta* Hitchcock & Chase, Contr. U.S. Natl. Herb.

18(7): 297. 1917. TYPE: West Indies. Trinidad: St. Joseph, 23 Dec. 1912, A. S. Hitchcock 10187 (holotype, US 865559; isotype, K).

Paspalum robustum belongs to subgenus *Harpostachys* (Trinius) S. Denham of *Paspalum* and was treated from Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, French Guiana, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago by Denham (2005). This species is distinguished by its foliaceous rachises of the racemes 8–30 cm long, spikelets with a basal callus, and upper glume with delicate hairs uniformly distributed on its surface.

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